

GRANT FUNDING SOURCES

The grant funding sources listed below are grouped by the endpoints applicants are most commonly seeking when talking to the Regional Boards about funding: water quality improvement, habitat restoration or enhancement, water conservation and management, plan development, acquisition of land or conservation easements, and monitoring. These are some of the more popular grant programs and generally have funding in excess of \$100,000 per project available. Many require matching funds and all have specific application requirements as well as a particular funding emphasis. Please utilize the contacts listed for further information. This is not an all-inclusive list and many of these contacts will lead to information on other funding sources which may be useful.

Water Quality Improvement

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Watershed Protection Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Reduce chronic flooding problems using nonstructural methods, support beneficial groundwater recharge capabilities, prevent sediment inputs to surface waters, implement projects consistent with local watershed management plans

Eligible entities: municipalities, local agencies, nonprofit organizations

Match: No

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Shirley Birosik, 213-576-6679, sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Nonpoint Source Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Reduce pollution from nonpoint sources through implementation of best management practices; implement projects consistent with local watershed management plans

Eligible entities: local agencies, nonprofit organizations formed by landowners to prepare and implement local nonpoint source plans

Match: Yes, for capital costs

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Raymond Jay, 213-576-6689, rjay@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Coastal Nonpoint Source Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Improve water quality in ground water, at public beaches, and in coastal waters through monitoring and pollution reduction actions

Eligible entities: municipalities, local agencies, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations

Match: Yes, for capital costs

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Raymond Jay, 213-576-6689, rjay@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant Program CWA Section 319(h)

Purpose: Implementation of activities that reduce or prevent nonpoint source pollution to ground and surface waters; includes implementation of best management practices or Total Maximum Daily Loads, technology transfer, demonstration projects, technical assistance

Eligible entities: local agencies, special districts, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, Indian tribes

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Raymond Jay, 213-576-6689, rjay@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Habitat Restoration or Enhancement

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Watershed Protection Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Protect and enhance greenbelts and riparian and wetlands habitats; restore or improve habitat for aquatic or terrestrial species

Eligible entities: municipalities, local agencies, nonprofit organizations

Emphasis: Water quality improvement

Match: No

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Shirley Birosik, 213-576-6679, sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Water Resources – Flood Protection Corridor Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Acquire, restore, enhance, and protect real property for the purposes of flood control protection, agricultural land preservation, and wildlife habitat protection utilizing non-structural approaches to flood management

Eligible entities: public agencies, nonprofit organizations, Department of Water Resources

Emphasis: Flood protection and management

Match:

Contact/Info: [Flood Protection Corridor Program](#) or California Department of Water Resources, Earle Cummings, 916-653-8912, earlec@water.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Water Resources – Urban Streams Restoration Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Address flooding and erosion, and restore environmental values on urban streams and encourage community stewardship; includes creek cleanups, revegetation, and land acquisition in the floodplain to prevent development

Eligible entities: local agencies, nonprofit organizations, local community conservation corps

Emphasis: Flood protection and management

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [Urban Streams Restoration Program](#) or California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, 916-327-1617, sdenzler@water.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Riparian/Riverine Habitats Program (Proposition 12)

Purpose: To improve or acquire and restore riparian habitat, riverine aquatic habitat, and other lands near rivers and streams for river and stream trail projects

Eligible entities: cities, counties, districts, local agencies formed for park purposes, other districts, and federally recognized California Indian tribes

Match:

Contact/Info: [Riparian/Riverine Habitats Program](#) or California Department of Parks and Recreation, Dave Smith, 916-651-8576, dsmith@parks.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Habitat Conservation Fund

Purpose: Acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife habitat and significant natural areas including riparian and wetlands areas

Eligible entities: local agencies and districts

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [Habitat Conservation Fund](#) or California State Parks Office of Grants & Local Services, 916-653-7423, localservices@parks.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Wildlife Conservation Board – California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (Proposition 12)

Purpose: Protect, preserve, restore, and enhance riparian habitat; includes acquisitions

Eligible entities: Resource Conservation Districts; federal, state, and local governments; nonprofit organizations; other special districts

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program](#) or Wildlife Conservation Board, 916-445-8448

Agency/Program: State Coastal Conservancy – Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project

Purpose: Acquire, preserve, restore, or enhance wetland/riparian areas along the coast or associated with coastal watersheds

Eligible entities: public or private groups

Emphasis: Work in southern California wetlands

Match: Preferred but not required

Contact/Info: [Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project](#) or California Coastal Conservancy, Trish Chapman, 510-286-0749, tchapman@scc.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Resources Agency – Coastal Resources Grant Program (Part B Grants)

Purpose: Provide coastal resource management enhancements which specifically help applicants improve their coastal resource management responsibilities; funds awarded in one of five project categories including coastal habitat protection, protection of life and property, protection of recreational resources, protection of coastal economic resources, and coastal management improvements

Eligible entities: coastal counties and cities with approved local coastal programs

Emphasis: Coastal resource management

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [Coastal Resources Grant Program](#) or California Resources Agency, 916-653-5656

Agency/Program: California Department of Fish and Game, Fisheries Restoration Grants Program

Purpose: Anadromous fisheries restoration work which can include both riparian and upslope restoration

Eligible entities: public agencies, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and private entities

Emphasis: Anadromous fisheries restoration

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [Fisheries Restoration Grants Program](#) or California Department of Fish and Game, Native Anadromous Fish and Watershed Branch, Contracts and Grants Oversight, Mike Bird, 916-327-8842, mbird@dfg.ca.gov

Agency/Program: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Community-Based Restoration Program

Purpose: Fund grass-roots, community-based activities that restore NOAA trust resources which include on-the-ground restoration of salt marshes, seagrass beds, and riparian habitat near rivers, streams, and creeks used or formerly used by anadromous fish

Eligible entities: educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, commercial organizations, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [Community-Based Restoration Program](#) or NOAA, Christopher Doley, 301-713-0174, Chris.Doley@noaa.gov

Water Conservation and Management

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Water Recycling Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: To design and construct water recycling projects; to plan water recycling facilities and to fund research

Eligible entities: local municipalities

Match:

Contact/Info: [Water Recycling Program](#) or State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Clean Water Programs, Sandy Houck, 916-341-5693, houcks@cwpswrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Water Resources – Groundwater Recharge Feasibility Study Grants (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Fund feasibility studies for groundwater recharge projects

Eligible entities: public agencies and incorporated mutual water companies

Match:

Contact/Info: [Groundwater Recharge Facilities Program](#) or California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, Linda Buchanan-Herzberg, 916-327-1663, lbh@water.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Water Resources – Water Conservation Feasibility Study Grants (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Feasibility studies for capital outlay agricultural and urban water conservation projects

Eligible entities: Public agencies and incorporated mutual water companies

Match:

Contact/Info: [Water Conservation Program](#) or California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, Linda Buchanan-Herzberg, 916-327-1663, lbh@water.ca.gov

Plan Development

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Water Quality Planning Grant Program CWA Section 205(j)

Purpose: Fund water quality planning and assessment activities aimed at reducing or preventing pollution to ground and surface waters, or restoring polluted water bodies or watersheds; includes developments of best management practices or Total Maximum Daily Loads, development of watershed management plans or recovery plans, needs analysis

Eligible entities: local agencies, special districts

Emphasis: Planning related to water quality improvement

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Shirley Birosik, 213-576-6679, sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Watershed Protection Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Fund development of local watershed management plans

Eligible entities: municipalities, local agencies, nonprofit organizations

Emphasis: Results in plans with recommendations for improving water quality

Match: No

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Shirley Birosik, 213-576-6679, sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Water Recycling Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: To design and construct water recycling projects; to plan water recycling facilities and to fund research

Eligible entities: local municipalities

Emphasis: Water recycling

Match:

Contact/Info: [Water Recycling Program](#) or State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Clean Water Programs, Sandy Houck, 916-341-5693, houcks@cwp.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: State Coastal Conservancy – Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project

Purpose: Conduct the planning work needed to preserve, restore, or enhance wetland/riparian areas along the coast or associated with coastal watersheds

Eligible entities: public or private groups

Emphasis: Wetlands restoration planning in southern California

Match: Preferred but not required

Contact/Info: [Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project](#) or California Coastal Conservancy, Trish Chapman, 510-286-0749, tchapman@scc.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Water Resources – Groundwater Recharge Feasibility Study Grants (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Fund feasibility studies for groundwater recharge projects

Eligible entities: public agencies and incorporated mutual water companies

Emphasis: Groundwater recharge

Match:

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Eligible entities: Public agencies and incorporated mutual water companies

Emphasis: Water conservation

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Contact/Info: [Water Conservation Program](#) or California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, Linda Buchanan-Herzberg, 916-327-1663, lbh@water.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Fish and Game, Fisheries Restoration Grants Program

Purpose: Fund watershed evaluation, assessment, and planning in relation to anadromous fisheries

Eligible entities: public agencies, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and private entities

Emphasis: Anadromous fisheries restoration

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [Fisheries Restoration Grants Program](#) or California Department of Fish and Game, Native Anadromous Fish and Watershed Branch, Contracts and Grants Oversight, Mike Bird, 916-327-8842, mbird@dfg.ca.gov

Acquisition of Land or Conservation Easements

Agency/Program: State Coastal Conservancy – Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project

Purpose: Acquire, preserve, restore, or enhance wetland/riparian areas along the coast or associated with coastal watersheds

Eligible entities: public or private groups

Emphasis: For the benefit of southern California wetlands

Match: Preferred but not required

Contact/Info: [Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project](#) or California Coastal Conservancy, Trish Chapman, 510-286-0749, tchapman@scc.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Water Resources – Flood Protection Corridor Program (Proposition 13)

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Eligible entities: public agencies, nonprofit organizations, Department of Water Resources

Emphasis: Flood protection and management

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Eligible entities: local agencies, nonprofit organizations, local community conservation corps

Emphasis: Flood protection and management

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Contact/Info: [Urban Streams Restoration Program](#) or California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, 916-327-1617, sdenzler@water.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Riparian/Riverine Habitats Program (Proposition 12)

Purpose: To improve or acquire and restore riparian habitat, riverine aquatic habitat, and other lands near rivers and streams for river and stream trail projects

Eligible entities: cities, counties, districts, local agencies formed for park purposes, other districts, and federally recognized California Indian tribes

Emphasis: Habitat protection and recreation

Match:

Contact/Info: [Riparian/Riverine Habitats Program](#) or California Department of Parks and Recreation, Dave Smith, 916-651-8576, dsmith@parks.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Habitat Conservation Fund

Purpose: Acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife habitat and significant natural areas including riparian and wetlands areas

Eligible entities: local agencies and districts

Emphasis: Habitat restoration

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [Habitat Conservation Fund](#) or California State Parks Office of Grants & Local Services, 916-653-7423, localservices@parks.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Wildlife Conservation Board – California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (Proposition 12)

Purpose: Protect, preserve, restore, and enhance riparian habitat; includes acquisitions

Eligible entities: Resource Conservation Districts; federal, state, and local governments; nonprofit organizations; other special districts

Emphasis: Habitat protection

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program](#) or Wildlife Conservation Board, 916-445-8448

Agency/Program: California Wildlife Conservation Board – Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program

Purpose: Provide tax credits to private landowners interested in donating qualified lands to state resource departments, local governmental entities, and qualified nonprofit organizations for conservation purposes

Eligible entities: private landowners

Emphasis: Land conservation

Match:

Contact/Info: [Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program](#) or Wildlife Conservation Board, 916-445-8448

Agency/Program: California Department of Fish and Game, Fisheries Restoration Grants Program

Purpose: For conservation easements that protect and improve water quality and quantity, including acquisition of water from willing sellers, and acquisition from willing seller's of permanent easement or fee title to riparian buffer strips along coastal rivers and streams to protect key anadromous fish habitat

Eligible entities: public agencies, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and private entities

Emphasis: Anadromous fisheries restoration

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [Fisheries Restoration Grants Program](#) or California Department of Fish and Game, Native Anadromous Fish and Watershed Branch, Contracts and Grants Oversight, Mike Bird, 916-327-8842, mbird@dfg.ca.gov

Monitoring

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Watershed Protection Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Monitor the water quality conditions and assess the environmental health of the watershed consistent with local watershed management plans

Eligible entities: municipalities, local agencies, nonprofit organizations

Emphasis: Water quality improvement

Match: No

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Shirley Birosik, 213-576-6679, sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Coastal Nonpoint Source Program (Proposition 13)

Purpose: Fund projects that provide the comprehensive capability for monitoring, collecting, and analyzing ambient water quality

Eligible entities: municipalities, local agencies, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations

Emphasis: Water quality improvement

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Raymond Jay, 213-576-6689, rjay@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Water Quality Planning Grant Program CWA Section 205(j)

Purpose: Water quality monitoring for the purpose of assessment as part of a planning effort – routine monitoring projects will not be approved for funding

Eligible entities: local agencies, special districts

Emphasis: Water quality planning

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Shirley Birosik, 213-576-6679, sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: State Water Resources Control Board – Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant Program CWA Section 319(h)

Purpose: Water quality monitoring to promote citizen monitoring; monitoring to determine effectiveness of management practices and extent of water quality improvement

Eligible entities: local agencies, special districts, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, Indian tribes

Emphasis: Water quality improvement

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [State Water Resources Control Board](#) or Regional Water Quality Control Board, Raymond Jay, 213-576-6689, rjay@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

Agency/Program: California Department of Fish and Game, Fisheries Restoration Grants Program

Purpose: Fund monitoring projects that provide baseline and/or trend data for anadromous fish populations or physical factors known to be limiting their recovery

Eligible entities: public agencies, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and private entities

Emphasis: Anadromous fisheries restoration

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [Fisheries Restoration Grants Program](#) or California Department of Fish and Game, Native Anadromous Fish and Watershed Branch, Contracts and Grants Oversight, Mike Bird, 916-327-8842, mbird@dfg.ca.gov

Agency/Program: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Environmental Monitoring for Public Access and Community Tracking (EMPACT)

Purpose: To provide public access to clearly-communicated, time-relevant, useful, and accurate environmental monitoring data in an ongoing and sustainable manner in major U.S. metropolitan areas

Match: Yes

Contact/Info: [EMPACT](#) or USEPA, Office of Strategic Planning and Emerging Issues, Wienke Tax, 520-622-1622, tax.wienke@epa.gov